(b) if so, what are the finding in this regard and the action proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Among the important findings are that there is a need to do manpower planning to provide the necessary projections and profiles of staff in order to have a rational recruitment and training policy for improving the productivity of staff. The findings also include identification of redundancies due to modernisation and redeployment of surplus staff for new activities and cost control. No final view has been taken.

Committee for the Konkan Railway realignment in Goa

617. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have appointed a Committee to reconsider the Konkan Railway realignment in Goa;

(b) if so, what are the names of the Officials of the Committee; and

(c) by when this Committee is likely to submit its findings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A one man expert committee consisting of Shri M. Menezes, Ex-Chairman, Railway Board has been appointed to go into the matter on 26-10-91.

(c) The committee has been asked to submit the report within 2 months' time.

Railwy Factory at Jamalpur

618. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to modernise the railway factory at Jamalpur in Bihar; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Jamalpur Railway Workshop has already been included in the Railway Works Programme 1989-90 for modernisation. The anticipated cost of the work is Rs. 64.74 crores. The work will commence after the detailed plans and estimates have been finalised.

Bharat Wagon Factory at Muzaffarpur

619. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to upgrade and modernise the Bharat Wagon Factory at Muzaffarpur in Bihar; and

(b) if so, what are the details therof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Railway Line between Nidubrolu and Nizampatnam in Andhra Pradesh

620. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal for constructing a new railway line between Ni-

dubrolu and Nizampatnam in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Constraint of resources.

Conversion of Guntur-Dronachalam M. G. Section

621. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal for conversion of Guntur-Dronachalam M. G. section into B. G. and constructing a parallel B G. line between Kurnool town and Guntakal *via* Dronachalam in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Constraint of resources.

Railway Line between Kakinada and Kotipalli in Andhra Pradesh

622. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state·

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal for constructing a new railway line between Kakinada and Kotipalli in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Constraint of resources.

New Railway Line between Rayadurg and Hindupur in South Central Railway

623. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for constructing a new railway line between Rayadurg and Hindupur in South Central Railway;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therfor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Constraint of resources.

Direct Train from Bilaspur to Visakhapatnam

624. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a long pending demand for starting a direct train link from Bilaspur to Visakhapatnam;

(b) if so, since when;

(c) what are the reasons for delay in taking a decision in the matter; and

(d) by when a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) to (d) There have been demands in this regard but introduction of direct train from Bilaspur to Visakhapatnam